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Winter's Slide

Tax Rate Up 25¢ to $19.00 per $1000

Most Wendell taxpayers will have seen their new tax bills by now. Apparently, belt-tightening in all departments is beginning to pay off.

This effort was aided by a $30,000 contribution from free cash that helped to allay the deficit created by more than $25,000 in refunds to taxpayers who filed abatements in the past year. Much of what was lost in the total real estate valuations was made up in new assessments.

Assessor, June Lewis told the Wendell Post that Board of Assessors have a larger overlay budget this year. That is the

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Swift River School Budget Pared Down

During a March 12 phone interview, Union #28 Superintendent Leonard Lubinsky described some of the cuts that have reduced the proposed 1979-1980 budget by approximately $27,400. Thus at least 60% of the proposed $45,335.00 increase has been eliminated.

Lubinsky indicated that most of the major areas for gaining cuts have already been dealt with and the March 15 meeting should clean up the smaller contested areas. If this doesn't happen, the April 5 meeting at the Center School should finalize the budget to be presented to Town

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Wendell Avoided! by NUCLEAR WASTE CARS

Increasing expressed concern about the dangers of handling radioactive materials by Wendell citizens appears to have detoured highly radioactive spent fuel shipments around Wendell.

It is not clear exactly who made this decision nor precisely for what reasons this decision was reached, but the Wendell Post has learned that B & M Railroad personnel have been instructed to make future shipments through Springfield rather than the mainline through Wendell. This change

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Opinion: A Tale of Wendell Power

On November 19, 1978, the Boston Globe published a front-page article examining attempts by local communities to regulate shipments of radioactive material. The town of Wendell has an ordinance banning such shipments. Globe reporter, Kay Longcope asked Wendell Selectboard Chairman, Ted Lewis, to comment on this ordnance.

Lewis replied, "I told'em I didn't see what good it was to vote it in. The state can overrule us anyway. There's nothing we can do, but the town meeting passed it anyway."

On March 2, 1979 The Morning Union of Springfield reported a change in the routing of the highly radioactive spent fuel rods from the Portsmouth Naval Yard to a Scoville, Idago reprocessing plant. The article noted that the new route through Worcester, Springfield, and Pittsfield "was made necessary because of opposition from the Franklin County town of Wendell, which lies on the old route".

Bear Mountain --- the eleventh hour

by Michael Idoine

The taking of Bear Mountain moved closer to reality in the past few weeks. Those who see its preservation as an important community asset have little time to avert its loss.

In their anxiety over the long unresolved problem, Franklin Co. officials have been pushing hard where there has been least resistance. Now, even the conservation organizations who have objected to the Wendell route are beginning to compromise and stand aside.

Placing such a road through the proposed land will make major changes on those areas of town. It is possible that it could mean a loss to our sense of a town as a whole. It will be hard or impossible to undo the change. If you have feelings on the issue, now is the time to make them heard and felt.

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account from which tax refunds are made. Doing this should remove such refunds as a negative factor in next year's tax rate setting. Thus the burden of constraint in town spending will become more important in holding down Wendell's future tax rate.

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Sugarin' Season Back 'cause we're light on salt

What could be more American than baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and Chevrolet? Maple syrup, of course! Early settlers learned the process of sugaring from the North American Indian. These pioneers took great pride in their sugar bush, for not only was maple sugar their only source of sugar, but a community affair as well. With the first signs of spring, all work would come to a halt, schools would close, and bodies yearning to be done with winter would venture forth into the first warm sun of spring to begin the ritual of "sugarin". The resulting pure maple syrup was and is one of nature's truly wonderful treasures.

From early times, sugaring fit well into the scheme of North American life, coming at a slow time of the year just after the long cold winter, but before plowing. Thanks to Wendell's sparse salting practice many of the old veteran maples of pioneer day sugar operations still line the stone walls just begging to be tapped.

We contacted some Wendell tappers to find out their reasons and their methods of sugaring. Some of the people we talked to are "first timers" this year. Ken Simos and some neighbors are giving it a go. According to Ken, this is a first step for his family to begin to become agriculturally self-sufficient and self-productive. Ken has tapped a dozen trees and will probably end up with much more than the few gallons he and Peggy expect.

Don Stone is an old hand at sugaring, and taps with help from a few neighbors, about ten trees. For the last seven years he has gotten about a gallon of syrup per tree. Don loves this community activity because it provides him with an alternative to commercial white sugar and gives him an opportunity to be "in touch with the land."

Bernard Davis sugars every year. He considers sugaring a hobby and an enriching family project. Some day he hopes to build a sugar house. Bernard also custom builds some very excellent evaporators. He has built several for neighbors, but this year has finally gotten around to finishing one for himself.

For readers who would like to partake in this rewarding outdoor activity, here is a brief guide to maple sugaring.

Maple syrup is the boiled and slightly caramelized sap of the maple tree. Each year at this time the sap flows sweet up from

Sweet "Valley" boiler tends cooker ~

the roots, where sugar, produced in the summer's leaves is stored. Sap can be collected from the onset of this flow until the buds begin to swell, at which time the sap takes on a bitter "buddy" flavor.

Trees: Choose trees which have a large crown in proportion to their trunk size. Tap trees no smaller than 10" in diameter. Additional taps can be used for each extra five inches in diameter.

Sugar and Black maples are the best producers; however, red, silver, and stripped maple can be tapped if you watch out for their earlier bud burst.

How to tap: Drill 3" into tree about 3-4 feet above the ground, remove debris, insert tap and hang bucket. Taps should be six inches apart from each other and placed in a spiral pattern over successive years to avoid girthing and killing the tree. After the season is over, remove taps and plug holes with tar.

When to tap: Tap trees in late February or early March when the nights are below freezing and the days are in the forties. Prolonged warm spells result in an early dry up, while cold spells stop the flow. Remember to stop collection when maple buds begin to swell to avoid dark, bad-tasting syrup.

Boiling syrup: Boil sap outdoors if you don't have a sugar house since forty gallons yield one gallon of syrup the resulting steam will soak furniture and bring down the wallpaper or stain and saturate the plaster. Large shallow pans with a lot of surface area are best for evaporation. When the sap becomes golden and slightly thick, bring it indoors to

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A Short History of The Wendell Inn

Towards the late winter of '78, just around the time of the so-called "great blizzard", a depressing stillness hung in the air around the center of Wendell. For those who live in other parts of town, and mostly only drive through, it might not have been noticeable. But for me, a frequent foot traveler thrugh the area, it was was impossible not to be disturbed by the vacancy of the church, the school, and the big white house and barn that some people refer to as the Wendell Inn.

Though still a commanding edifice, the "Inn" seemed to be perilously close to its last go-round, with snow drifting across the sagging porch and grey board peering through its last paint job.

Thankfully, it was a situation that was to be remedied only a month later when Greg Mcdonald, Joann Perkins, and her children, Micheal, Marcy, Matt and Melanie moved in and rescued the stucture from decline. As most people know, it is now not only a private home, but also the site of the new Wendell Coffeehouse. Much of the house, which Greg said he"knew had lots of possibilities", has been, is, or will be under renovation.

Knowing the changes the house had been through in the few years I'd been in town inspired me to check further into its history. Most everyone I talked to was glad to pass on information and I was surprised to find many people in town who had lived there or knew people who had.

The house, which has been called "a real ark of a place" was built in approximately 1900 by Robert Ballou's great uncle William Ballou. The term "Inn" was probably a realators invention, although workers from Wendell's then thriving sawmill industry may have lived there. The next owners were the Cogswells from New Salem who operated a store there before selling it to William Lord of South Deerfield who passed it on to Dr. Charles, a dentist who had his practice on the third floor. William Lord again purchased the house and sold it to George Robinson, a sea captain from Martha's Vineyard who used it as a summer home until approximately 1935, when Frank and Etta Ballou bought the house.

The Ballous operated a store and lunchonette called a Brown Jug there before it once again came under the ownership of William Lord in the late 40's. During this time Merle and Gladys Powling had an apartment there as did Bob and Winnie Ballou.

The 1950's saw general stores operating from the house under the ownership of George Cota and later Ralph Carey who passed the house on to Walter Jones around the turn of the decade. Walter Jones sold the house to the family of Alfred P. Fisher who lived there in the mid-60's before selling it to Don Ellis who owned it in 1970 and 1971.

The 1970's brought a new owner, Fred Boyagian, and a wide variety of communally oriented tenants. Of these, the best known is probably the Outerspace Band, who played at President Ford's White House during their stay there. "It was the perfect rock n'roll mansion" said Klondike Koehler, who also operated his sound company next to Trueblood Lighting Company in the store part of the house at that time.

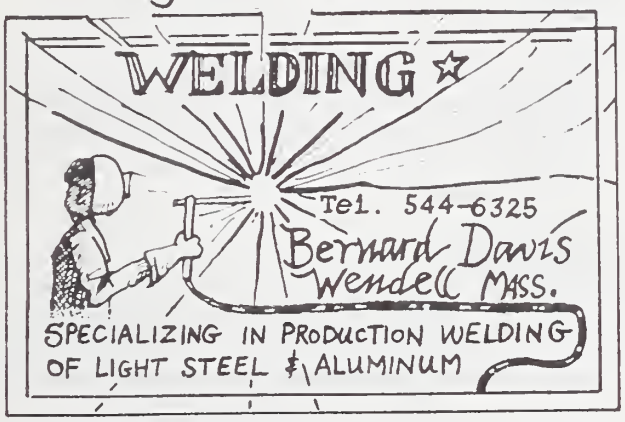
With the school reopened and the Coffeehouse thriving, the center of town is a much friendlier place these days.

Parent Training Set at Swift River

The Swift River School is offering an eight week group training session beginning March 19th for parents of children at the Swift River Schcol and at the New Salem/ Wendell Headstart. The training sessions, led by Swift River School psychologist, Ann Levinger, and Headstart head teacher, Laurie Dunham, will explore ideas about child rearing, with the intent of helping parents to become more sure of themslves, as well as offering new ways to deal with difficult situations. The parent training group will meet for approximately 2 hours on Monday morings at the Wendell Center School building.

Persons interested in such training, either this time or in another training group in the fall should contact Ann Levinger at Swift River School (544-6926) or Laurie Dunham at Wendell School (544-7467).

February Plow Plung ~ The plow blade caught in the ice ... Man overboard. Fortunately the luckless driver unhurt.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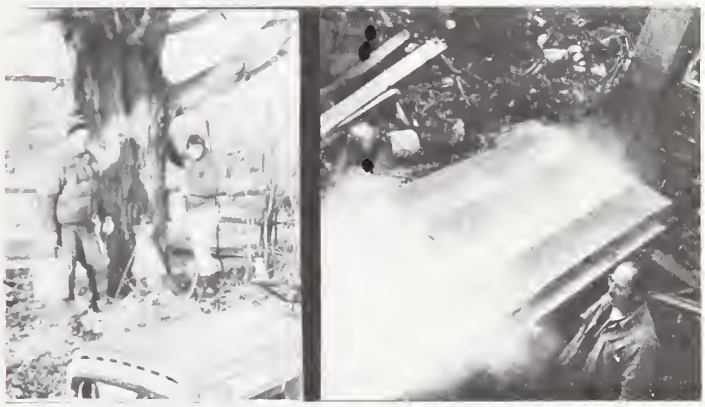
Nuclear waste .... from pg. 1

was first revealed to the public in an article on the first page of The Morning Union (Springfield), March 2, 1979.

In disregard of the Wendell ordinance banning such shipments, the government has shipped the highly toxic spent reactor rods from the Portsmouth Naval Yard to a Scovill Idaho reprocessing plant via Wendell. These shipments continued until at least May of 1977. This date was confirmed by Francis Hayes, Federal Railroad Administration Inspector and B & M spokesman, Gloria Stone, although she later said, "June 1975 or "76. I am not sure." It was learned during this investigation that such shipments "don"t have dates". That is, in order to protect these shipments (for national security reasons), the public has no access to the dates, routes or exact nature of the shipments. In fact, the cars are unmarked (since they carry armed guards) contrary to commercial shipments whose vehicles must carry radiation warning symbols.

Wendell Ban (con'd.)

Another source at the B & M responsible for routing, told the Wendell Post, "I was told to avoid going through Wendell, so I don't do it." He referred the reporter to a C. J. Burkhardt at Westinghouse, West Mifflin, Pa. to provide clarification. Mr. Burkhardt responded that he "was not authorized to give out information on any of our classified projects." Likewise James Lynan of the Dept. of Energy, Washington, D. C., would say only that he would not answer any questions concerning these shipments "for national security reasons." Therefore, the effect of the Wendell ordinance has yet to be confirmed by those making the decision to reroute these shipments, but Wendell's concern has reached the nations capital.



Sugaring again: The Sogards, Bernard Davis and his new evaporator.

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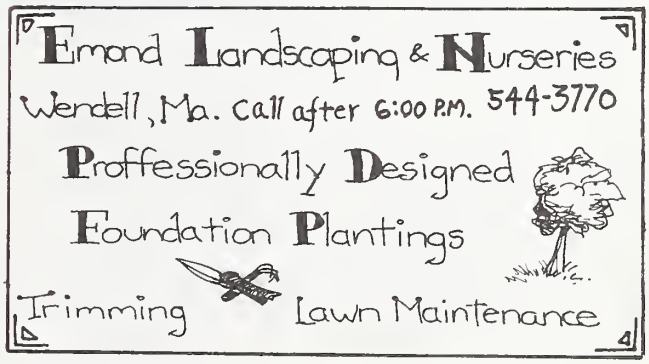
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Burning has been extended until April 1st.

The Swift River Gym Show has been changed from a Thursday to a Friday. It is now scheduled for 7:30 pm, Friday April 6, at the Swift River School.

There will be a CPR course given on April 5th and April 9th from 7pm - 10pm. This is for the Fire and Police Departments but if anyone else is interested please call Harry Williston at 544-6951.

Byron Ricketts has given to the Wendell Library a set of " The Carolyn Keene Novels for teenagers in memory of his daughter, Christine.

The library trustees will host an Open House at the Wendell Free Library on Saturday, April 7 from 11-1. Patrons are invited to come and make suggestions for the spring book-buying trip. This is an opportunity to make the library responsive to your tastes and needs. (It would also be a good day to return any overdue books). There will be a number of free books available which have been weeded out of the collection. These are mainly old paperbacks and children's books. Refreshments will be served.

The Historical Society will meet Monday, April 2 at 7:30 at the home of Pat Judice.

COMING NEXT MONTH: pictures of new year's babies!

Police Log

1-25-79 one car accident on Depot Hill. No injuries.
2-21-79 one car accident on Depot Hill. No injuries.

Thank You Note

I'd like to sincerely thank the people of Wendell, who took the time to send cards and messages of sympathy to me upon the loss of my daughter, Christie.

She is at peace now and will remain forever in my heart. Please pray for us.

Sincerely,
Byron J. Ricketts

Fire Log

1-4-79 Spotted fire behind C. Carey's house.
1-10-79 Flooded cellar at Ingrid Pfohl's.
1-25-79 Overheated stovepipe at Jack Ellis!
1-29-79 Chimney fire at Bradshaw's.
2-6-79 Chimney fire at Gerald Powling's.
2-7-79 Fumes investigation at Emma Cappelluzo's. 38-M1 responded.
2-9-79 Chimney fire at Martin Connolly's.
2-11-79 Mutual Aid for New Salem. 38-M2 responded.
2-14-79 First aid call to McAvoy's.

Vital Statistics

Deaths

Grace Sauter died on December 20, 1978 at the Cushing Hospital in Framingham. She died from pneumonia after a long illness. She lived and worked in Wendell for over twenty years as a housekeeper.

MARRIAGES

Ellis R. Brown of Barre Cutoff Road and Thelma Belanger Rouillard of Farley Road were married in Spencer on August 15, 1978.

Andrew S. Hamilton and Robin M. Pierce of New Salem Road were married on August 26, 1978 in Warwick.

Wayne H. Keith of Farley Road and Karen A. Cummings of Athol were married on May 13, 1978 in Gardner.

William P. Carlson and Nancy A. Wilson of Wickett Pond Road were married on Febuary 17, 1979 in Watertown.

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Sound Company Proprietor Relaxing Between 'Feasts'

Among the storekeeps, lumbermen, welders, builders, contractors, and other ingenious people of Wendell who manage to put together business enterprises in this small, out-of-the-way place is John "Klondike" Kohler of Klondike Sound Company.

Klondike has just returned exhuberant from providing sound service for the Boston Globe Jazz Festival. Said Klon of the experience, "There are a lot of rewards in the entertainment business besides the sound of applause, which is usually directed to the artists and the back-up musicians. To see an entire crowd at Symphony Hall crying and to know I had a part in mesmerizing three or four thousand people gives me a lot of satisfaction."

Besides the Boston Globe Festival, Klon has and will again provide sound for portions of the New Orleans Jazz Festivals and other concert events throughout the Northeast. He has applied for work at jazz festivals in France and Switzerland this summer.

Klondike is operating his one-man enterprize out of his recently completed shop on Stone Road. Here he does the electronic and woodwork required to build his sound systems. Klondike says he has nearly all the business he can handle from word-of-mouth by satisfied customers.

An important part of building a system, in Klondike's opinion, is educating the musicians on how to use the equipment.

Klon, a musician himself, is also adept at stage management, the coordinating of light and sound with the musicians. Says Klon, "I can operate out of Wendell; I've been doing it for years."

Klondike graduated with a degree in religion from Trinity College (also, by the way, where he met the other Outerspace Band musicians). He says of his business and his life, "It feels very much like it fits together. I really like working closely with people in demanding situations. I have a lot of strengths in a supportive way and as a leader. When I'm in a pressure situation such as a big concert production, whether I am a musician or a stage manager or a technician, there is a real cameraderie, a team spirit. I've always been into teams."

In the sound business, says Klon, "I am working with hardcore professionals who are not cold people because we are dealing with musicians, people who made their entire lives song. They are living their song. I help them express themselves

"And when it's all over and I'm dead tired, to know that within a couple of hours of highway time there is a wood fire and a quiet house is a real joy.

"I've just had a great festival," he mused. "And it's like one of a half dozen giant feasts for the year. So I'm sitting here with a full belly and a warm heart."

Other events in the offing for Klondike and the community is a gig by the now 10-year-old Outerspace Band at the Warwick Inn on Saturday, March 24. Klon is presently playing with other artists locally and in Boston, and is currently involved in recording an album.

Coffee House Schedule

March 25th-David Boatwright and Friends
April 1st-Stella Ra
April 8th-Wendell Rangers
April 15th-Straydog Howarth and David Simpson

The next issue of the Wendell Post will be the pre-election issue, in which candidates will present their positions and campaign statements. We ask the candidates to prepare statements and get in touch with the Wendell Post for an interview.

Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for 11 town positions to be voted on May 7 must be turned in to Town Clerk Anna Hartjens by April 2, 1979 at 5 p.m.

The positions are selectman, assessor, school committee member, library trustee, board of health member, cemetery commission, moderator, tree warden, planning board member, and auditor. There are two selectmen's positions on the ballot. Theodore Lewis will be running for re-election to his selectmen's position, and a vacancy will be created by the impending resignation of Selectman Maurice Cole.

Final voter registration sessions will be held April 14, 12 noon-8 p.m., and April 17, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Regular registrations are held Wednesdays, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

If these hours are not convenient, call Town Clerk Anna Hartjens for an appointment

Nutrition Notes: Sugar Blues

Despite all that has been written lately about the harmful effects of sugar many people still believe that the body needs white sugar for "energy". Although Industry would have us believe this is true, it is important to understand two things: First, we do not need sugar. We can fill all of our body's need for Glucose (blood sugar) just as well with other carbohydrates such as whole grains, vegetables, and fruits. Second, eating sugar does not make us "peppy" or "energetic". In fact, eating too much of it can produce exactly the opposite effect.

And Americans are eating too much white sugar. 200 years ago, sugar was considered a royal luxury and 5 lbs/year was the average intake. At our present rate of 130 lbs/year per person, the average American consumes a ton of sugar in a lifetime.

It seems impossible. Yet it is true that commercial interests have successfully played on the human weakness for sweets and, by adding sugar to nearly every product on the market, they have "hooked many generations while reaping huge profits.

Sugar is present not only in obvious places such as in cereals, cakes , soda, candy, jello, and ice cream but it is hidden in items such as ketchup (29%),Coffee-Mate (65%), salad dressings(30%), ice cream (21%),Shake and Bake (51%), and can even be found in some processed salts.

What are some of the health costs added to the high price of sugared foods? Obesity and tooth decay are the obvious ones and they are on the increase. Recent studies also link sugar to such problems as adult diabetes, hypoglycemia (low blood sugar, fatigue, irritability, etc.), heart disease, and vitamin deficiencies.

For example, if a person eats large amounts of sugar, his/her body will not be able to absorb as much calcium. Since calcium is important as a component of bones (among other vital functions), excessive sugar is particularly damaging to growing children, or to a growing fetus.

Deficiencies in B vitamins may also result from overeating refined sugars. Several B vitamins are needed for the body to digest and assimilate sugar. These vitamins are present when eating non-refined sources of carbohydrates such as fruits, veggies, and grains. However, if sugar is refined, stripped of its other nutrients, our bodies will use the B vitamins from other foods to digest it and not have enough left for other uses.

In addition, sugary junk foods replace foods that provide high-quality nutrients, thus weakening the body's resistence and making one more vulnerable to disease.

Coming down from our Sugar High is no easy feat but it can be done...slowly if necessary. Obviously kids accustomed to Coke and Captain Crunch won't make a beeline for the celery and carrot sticks but they may be persuaded to try home-made , frozen, non-sugared fruit juice popsicles, raisin-molasses cookies, or raisins and nuts mixed together in a snack pack.

There are also giant steps to be taken for those who feel really motivated. You can completely avoid the most outrageously sugared products at the supermarket, prepare more meals from "scratch", learn more about natural un-processed foods and shop at your local co-op to get less processed foods at a better price.

Although it will literally take great courage and strength to "go straight" in a junk food culture such as ours, your efforts will be well rewarded in terms of health benefits. Apples anyone??

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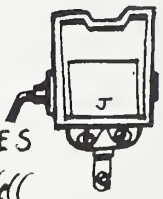

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Property Transfers

Joseph & Laura Barry of Mesa,Arizona to Ralph H. and Dolores M. Branyen of Great Pines Rd. Lake Wyola, Shutesbury. Tract of land on south side of Farley Road.,9.968 acres.

Myron and Kathy Becker and George Butler, Jr. to Linda A. Andrews and Jean E. Esser of Box 176, Main Rd., Chesterfield, Mass. Land and building on west side of New Salem Road, 10 acres more or less.

Anne Elizabeth Curtis of Chesterfield; Derril H. Ballou of Tiverton, R.I.; Betty Sue Pratt of So. Athol; Richard Ballou of Orange; Elizabeth L. Pierce of Orange: Grace Ballou of Miami, Fla. to Walter Jones of No. Amherst, 15 acres of land on Bullard Pasture Rd. and W. Main St.

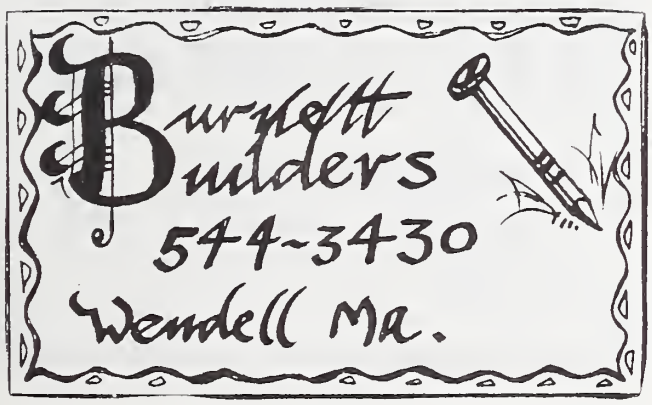
3/79 Frederick Bardsley of Ludlow to David F. and Sandra Bardsley, land on Wendell Depot Rd.

Learn To Have Clout

University of Massachusetts in Amherst offers a Citizen Involvement Training Project to help citizens and citizen groups have more impact. They will work with any citizen group, from mandated boards and councils to grass roots organizations.

Citizen groups may obtain CHP services by filling out an Applicant Packet, which helps CITP staff members diagnose problems and issues during a two hour consultation session. Based on this session, CITP will arrange and design tailor-made workshops as future consultation sessions.

To request service or additional information, contact Dave Magnani, Project Coordinator, Hasbrouck, U/MASS, tele:413-549-4970.



Community Development Corporation Formed

A group of Franklin County residents are forming a Community Development Corporation (CDC) for the purpose of creating new jobs in the county and expanding existing job opportunities. The CDC will help start or expand various community and business enterprises - by providing start-up money and helping to secure loans and investments from private sources.

The CDC is designed to help enterprises which are unable to get this kind of financing by themselves, or whose development would benefit the whole community.

The idea is to create jobs which have strong local ties. CDC's invest in people and projects for the benefit of both.

NOW WE NEED YOU to help us get the CDC rolling. If you are a resident of the county, at least 18years old, you can become a member of the CDC and help us elect a Board of Directors. As a member, you can also vote at Annual Meetings and serve on committees.

WHAT HAVE CDC'S DONE IN MASSACHUSETTES? There are more than 25 CDC's in the state. They have been responsible for investing in a variety of projects: an electronics factory, housing programs, a beauty salon, laundromat, grocery store, recycling business, real estate rentals and more.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER? We need every interested citizen to become involved in this positive effort to create jobs in Franklin County. There are no dues to become a member of the CDC. Call David Cullen at the Orange Town Hall at 544-7005.

Lou on the Loose

Look! Up in the sky! It's a cure for cabin fever! It's a political controversy! It's a beatnik revival house! No, it's just the Wendell Coffeehouse. Hello from Lou to you! On this, the one year anniversary column of "Lou on the Loose", I am excited to report on this new facet of the Wendell music community.

Debuting on Sun. Jan. 28 with Bluesman Perry Howarth and running, incredibly, every Sunday evening since then, the Wendell Coffeehouse has remained true to its' declared intention of "providing a situation in which musicians and listeners alike can join together in a hometown setting." Initial reaction from Lou's mention of a coffeehouse night showed that there was interest (in some cases, excitement) created by the prospect of a music series in town and enough people with the energy and time to put it together. After several random meetings, characterized by incoherent discussion and illegible notetaking, the "house rules" emerged and with them, an informal structure for what has already become a regular Wendell pastime.

Located at the center of Wendell in the store section of the Wendell Inn, the coffeehouse, now in its' tenth week, has already surprised even the most jaded with both the quality and variety of Wendell's talent but also, the townspeoples' support and spirited participation. Already averaging fifty people a night (close to capacity), the coffeehouse has presented dormant Wendell stalwarts (Perry Howarth, Fairchild,Wendell Rangers) as well as new faces (Tom and Shane,David Lambourne,Stella Ra) and despite its' weekly regularity, there is no sign that shortages of anxious performers will ever arise. The coffeehouse exists now due to the generosity of everyone involved and, with no admission charge, offers inexpensive coffee, tea, and doughnuts, woodheat,lighting by candle and livingroom lights, a seat if you get there early, and of course, excellent and varied musical entertainment. If you have already attended a coffeehouse, you know there is still a need for chairs and benches that can be used temporarily or permanently and, in its' growing role as Wendell's music museum, more photos and posters from Wendell's melodious past would add immeasurably to the undeveloped atmosphere of the room itself.

Loose Caboose survived another winter this year with considerably more vigor than usual. Their WERS-FM radio show was very successful and they have already been asked back by the Emerson College station. A tape from that show found its way to New York City almost in time to secure Caboose one or more opening spots on the recent Peter Tosh tour but last minute difficulties prevented the pairing. The Rusty Nail has however promised Caboose the opening spot for an April 26th show with Gil Scott-Heron and regional promotions should confirm it in the next couple weeks. Caboose, busy with extensive gigs through March, has not been able to rehearse their 10-12 new original songs but hopes they will begin to appear in April.

In greater, greater Wendell music news Larry Forbes (ex-Fairchild), continuing his freelance activity has worked again behind Otis-Ridley of R.I. but this time with ex-Outerspace drummer Chief Kubicek, undetected these many months by Lou's news nose. Great to hear about the "Chieftain" again. Larry, Duncan Nichols, and Klon Koehler will continue to appear at the Coffeehouse from time to time with their witty, pop-jazz collaborations... Klondike informs Lou that the Outerspace Band will reappear miraculously from the farthest reaches of the known universe on March 24th at the Warwick Inn...Cabooser Dave Boatwright debuts at the Coffeehouse March 25th...And lastly, after a year of all this, Lou wants to come clean and credit Jeff Mendel (Magic Music) with the invention of the name Lou Caboose and say thanks to Jeff, the Wendell Post and its' loyal readers for a great year and I hope, your continued indulgence. Bye!

Lou Caboose

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Australian Natives fascinate Schoolchildren

This is an article that the class wrote as a group after writing individual compositions on what they learned during our unit on Australia.

Judy Salpeter's , Deborah Campbell's and Linda Goddard's 5th and 6th grade class at Swift River School has been studying Australia for the past six weeks. They have been talking and reading about Australia, listening to tapes, making maps, writing compositions, singing songs, making displays for the room and writing to penpals in Australia. They ended the unit on Friday (March 9) with an assembly for the whole school.

One of the centers set up in the room was a center on Aborigine lifestyles and beliefs. The Aborigine people are the native Australians. They have been living in the desert for hundreds of years and hunting by using returning boomerangs, clubs and spears. The class listened to some of the stories that the Aborigines have told for generations about the Dreamtime. The Aborigines say that in the Dreamtime there were giant creatures, animals that walked and gods that made things the way they are. Some class members made a big mural of creatures from the Dreamtime.

Another center was set up with maps, magmagazines and books about life in Australia. One of the things the students learned about there was sheep ranching. Sheep's wool is the main product in Austalia. Australia is a good place for sheep because they can stand the heat and don't need a lot of water.

Animals were a popular subject with everyone in the class. They did oral reports on the animals they studied. Most of the animals in Australia aren't found anywhere else in the world. The echidna and platypus live only in Austalia and are the only egg-laying mammals in the world.

The male platypus has a poisonous spur in its right hind foot which it uses to protect its family. Most mammals in Australia are marsupials which means they have pouches to carry their babies. Kangaroos, koala bears and possums are all marsupials. Opossuma are the only marsupials living outside of Australia. Koalas live in Eucalyptus trees, eating the juicy leaves. They never drink water. Koalas are slow moving but kangaroos can go very fast on their big hind feet.

The Kookabura is a bird with a strange call like a laugh. The emu is another giant bird that runs very fast but can't fly. It lays green eggs which the father takes care of. The Cockatoo is another beautiful bird that lives in Australia.

Australia also has a lot of lizards, spiders and snakes. Some of them are very poisonous.

The unit on Australia is over but many of the children will continue writing to their penpals in Australia.

It's Appropriate To Read This Story ~

Inappropriate technology is all around us--hybrid vegetables that give more water and less nourishment; trucks used where trains would be more economical; suburban sprawl devouring energy by excessive transportation and paving fertile agricultural land; breakable plastic toys, etc.

Appropriately, society should have kept its proven local vegetable varieties instead of letting them go extinct, lavished fewer but better toys on kids, kept cities and towns in mass transportation corridors, and improved on the natural economies of railroads. But cheap oil--and it's still cheap if we have any desire to leave much for our children--turned American society into the legendary grasshopper of Aesop's warning.

A year-old magazine, new roots, is becoming the focus for appropriate technology endeavors in the Northeast. Published until now under a grant, it is in the process of becoming self-sufficient. It will soon move to a new office in Greenfield.

Its 40 pages include resources, examples of outstanding work in the region, book reviews, and information like where to obtain open-pollinating seed locally.

Subscriptions are available at $8 per year ($6 for low income) from new roots, Graduate Research Center, UMass, Amherst, MA 01003.

Happy Spring to our Friends in Warwick

Selectmen's Minutes

Wendell Town Hall Jan. 9, 1979

No meeting was held due to Ted Lewis being away on personal business, and Ken Simos attending a meeting in Orange on the Economic Development Program.

Maurice Cole held the fort to answer questions of the public, but no-one appeared.

Jan. 16, 1979

The weekly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full board present. The minutes of the Jan. 2, 1979 meeting were signed. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

The Board approved a private property pole location on Wickett Pond Road.

A representative for the Kimball -Cooke Ins. Company was present to discuss vehicle and building insurance coverage with the Board. The Board considered the following changes in valuations- for budget purposes only.

Town Hall- building $55,600 to $70,000
contents no change
Approx Cost Increase $130.00

Fire Station- building, no change
Contents, no change
Approx. Cost Increase, 0

Town Garage-building, no change
Contents, 2,400 to 5,000
Approx. Cost Increase 20.00

Library-building, 19,000 to 25,000
Contents, 3.500 to 10,000
Approx. Cost Increase $104.00

Total= Approx. Cost Increase of $250.00

Town Building Liability Insurance was discussed, but due to recent changes in the state law, further information will be needed before any decision can be made. Charles Winn will attend the weekly meeting on Jan. 30th to discuss this with the Board.

Mr. William Thompson of West Street, presented the Board with a copy of a map that he has been working on in connection with his membership on the Energy Conservation Study Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Jan. 23, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis, with the full Board present. The minutes of the Jan. 16 meeting were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

The Board discussed the Road Budget (Snow and Sanding) with Highway Surveyor David Bardsley. They decided to contact the Director of the Bureau of Accounts to find out the proper procedure for using emergency funds for snow removal.

Called the B&M Railroad and requested that Farley Crossing be cleaned up.

The Board praised the road crew for the job done so far this winter.

Voted to give Dog Officer Thomas Bardsley pay for both Dog Officers while there was only one Dog Officer.

Appointed Lewis Poling, Dog Officer to serve with Thomas Bardsley.

The Board is requesting the Police to patrol the roads more to slow down the speed of drivers on town roads.

Del Williston submitted her name as a teller for future elections. She also informed the Board that she will not be seeking re-election as Auditor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Jan. 30, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Ted Lewis, with Maurice Cole also present. Ken Simos was in Orange at another meeting. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the Jan. 23, 1979, meeting were signed.

Road Surveyor, David Bardsley, reported that he had the International sander on the road today. It should be ready to use tomorrow.

Dump Custodian Ken Wing reported that the container removal truck got stuck at the dump last Friday in the snow storm. He reported that he took his personal vehicle to the dump and worked two hours to get the vehicle unstuck. The Board suggested that until good weather comes we have container pickups only on days when the dump is open.

The Board decided that on bad weather days that if David needs help on the roads that he can go to the dump, order Ken to close the dump and work for the Highway Dept.

Anne Perkins presented to the Board an article for the Annual Town Meeting.

Charles Winn from Kimball-Cooke Insurance

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informed the Board about the new liability insurance law. (Discusses non-owned and hired auto policy) approx. $50/yr. increase in liability ins. ($168.)

Old		New	
$25,000	to	$100,000.	liability
5,000	to	50,000.	comprehensive

Liability insurance to cover town roads, appros. $10/mi. Cost to town $500.

Approx. insurance costs: Fire-$1,525: Liability-$600.; Auto-$50.; Road Liability-$500.; Total-$2,675. Non-owned and hired approximately $10/mi.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

February I3, I979

The Selectman's meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Ted Lewis, with the full Board present.
The weekly payroll and bill warrant was signed.
Discussed indemnification insurance with Police Chief Ed Chase.
The Board discussed articles for the annual town meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

February 20, I979

The Selectman's meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Ted Lewis, with the full Board present.
The weekly payroll and bill warrant was signed.
Discussed correspondence from Waste Disposal Contractor. It was noted that because of our contract that there would be no increase in cost to us.
Discussed dog problems with dog officer, Thomas Bardsley.
Met with the finance committee to discuss the annual town meeting.
Meeting adjourned at I0:I0 p.m.

February 27, I979

The weekly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Ted Lewis, with the full Board present. The minutes of the February I3 and 20th meetings were approved.
The weekly payroll bill warrant was approved.
Karen Humboltz, Office of Community Affairs came with the new shared Administrative Assistant, Jay Moynahan to discuss the duties and direction he will take. The Board indicated that they would like Mr. Moynahan to look into a CETATitle VI Beautification Crew. Mostly painting the public buildings.
The Governor's proposed budget "caps" were discussed .

Jay's hours - 9:30 to 5:00 in the Orange Office.
Jay will be available for other departments use but requests for his use must be through the Board of Selectman.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

February 6, I979

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, with full Board present.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the January 30, I979 meeting were approved.

Added the following names to the jury box: Lincoln Soule, Mike Lapinski, Frank Judice, Donna Barnes, Kathy Becker, K.C. Anderson, Bernie Lapinski, Donald Ellis, Helen Boland, Myron Becker, Winona Ballou, Barbara, Kavolius, Louis Becker, William Noel and Edward Judice.

Drawn to serve grand and District court for the end of February, William Noel.

Voted to change the mileage rate for personal use of automobile on town business to I5 cents per mile.

Ellen B. from the County Planning Board and the Local Planning Board met with the Selectman.

Appointed Forrest Carey Animal Inspector.
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Swift River Budget ~

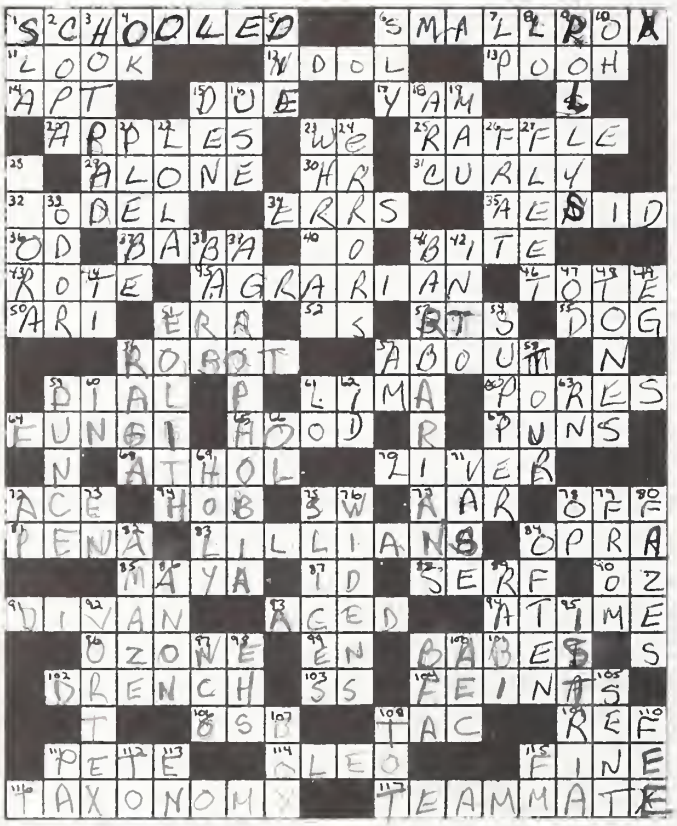
Meeting in May.

By far the greatest reductions were achieved in the Instruction Budget. The committee would not allocate money for a new Special Education position nor increase other partime teaching, saving $9,000. Requests for new aides, to meet the increased enrollment, were turned down, adding another $12,000.00 reduction. Thus $21,000.00 was saved in this area alone.

Lubinsky credits school custodian Keith Fiske for enabling cuts in the operation and maintenance of the building. Reductions in the budget for fuel, power, and maintenance total $3,500. The other significant cut is a $1,500.00 drop in the expected liability and fire insurance bill.

Looking to the future, Lubinsky expressed concern that the State Tax Proposals might make it harder yet to put together school budgets. "Swift River," he said, "is already a low-spend school." With the current increase in enrollment he noted that, "We don't have areas to cut without doing damage to the program."

~ Homespun Crossword ~



EARTHBOUND

Across;
1.learned
6.eradicated disease
11.watch
12.false god
13.Winnie the ____
14.appropriate
15.directly
17.sweet potatoe
20.fruits
23.pronoun
25.lottery
29.solitary
30.period of time (abbr.)
31.having twists
32.Austrian mathematician
34.diviates
35.Norse gods
36.take too much (abbr.)
37.Ali ____
40.Zeus' lover
41.____ the bullet
43.learn by ____
45.concerning land
46.carry
50.Greek shipping magnate
51.mistake
52.musical notation
53.streets (abbr.)
55.common pet
56.mechanical man
57.almost
59.telephone part
x.small holes
64.molds
65.covering
67.jokes
68.town in Massachusetts
70.gland
72.an expert
74.___goblin
75.direction
77.Swiss river
78.___with his head
81.pain(Spanish)
83.Carter and others
84.harmony part: s__no
85.Indian tribe
87.mind
88.slave
90.magical land
91.couch
93.got an "A"
94.one day at___
96.prefix used to form verbs
100. ___in arms
102.saturate
103.Hitler's force
104.false moves
106.Order of St. Benedict (abbr.)
108.Tic___Toe
109.umpire (abbr)
111.Seeger or O'Toole
114.margarine
115.admirable
116.laws of classification
117.group member

Down:
1.Patty's demise
2.___Cabana
3.for warmth
4.alright
5.cease
6.crafty
7.record
8.shows surprise
9.Bergan and Anna
10.shows a strong emotion
15.lion's home
16.consume
18.curve
19.early terrorist group:___Mau
21.a freshman
22.Brigeda
23.indefinite number
24.oversights
26.college org.
27.Navy
28.Israeli currency
33.smell
38.jibe
39 fear of earth
41.an uncultured person
42.preposition: toward
44.musical note
47.eyedoctor (abbr.)
48.shades
49.for example (abbr.)
51.kind of artifact
54.a meal
56.form of Hindu music
57.verb form of "to be"
58.travel
59.numbskull
60.preposition
61.__and behold
62.proof of one's identity (abbr.)
63.nurse
66.chemical suffix
69.worthy of worship
71.container
72.supermarket
73. prefix that changes an adjective to a verb
75.cuts
76.broadens
78.kind of art
79.preposition: out of
80.disturbs
82.astonish
84.frequently
86.again
89.month of Moslem calendar
92.whirlpool
95.European penninsula
96.damaged by fluorocarbons
97.military officer (abbr.)
98.questions
99.prefix used to form verbs
100.art degree
101.Atomic Energy Commission (abbr.)
105.dispatched
107.male
108.kid
110.price
111.father
112.preposition
113.see 73D
115.radio station